

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (canceled).

2 (previously presented). A method according to claim 8, wherein the sheet of iron or titanium material is provided with a chamfer on at least one side of the sheet prior to the application of the coating in the joining region.

3 (currently amended). A method according to claim 8, wherein the seam formed by the filler is flattened by plastic deformation after the application of the filler.

4 (canceled).

5 (previously presented). A method according to claim 8, wherein the seam formed by the filler is covered by a corrosion protection layer on at least one surface of the sheets in the transitional region to the coated iron or titanium material sheet.

6 (canceled).

7 (previously presented). A method according to claim 10, wherein the seam formed by the filler is flattened prior to the common cold forming of the joined sheet blanks.

8 (currently amended). A method of joining a sheet of aluminum material to a sheet of iron or titanium material, comprising the steps of

providing the sheet of iron or titanium material at least in a joining region with a coating ~~preferably on the basis of~~
containing zinc or aluminum,

joining the sheets in a butt-joint, and

applying a filler on the basis of aluminum in a region bridging the butt-joint on both surfaces of the sheets and melting the filler to form a seam consisting of a welding joint with the aluminum material sheet and a soldering joint with the iron or titanium material sheet, the soldering joint having a width extending along the iron or titanium sheet which corresponds to at least three times the thickness of the iron or titanium sheet.

9 (previously presented). A method according to claim 8, wherein the sheets are butt-joined with one of the surfaces of the sheets lying in a common plane and, after the seam has been formed, the sheets are bent away from the common plane in the joining region.

10 (currently amended). A method for producing a workpiece of a cold-formed sheet blank of an aluminum material joined to a cold-formed sheet blank of an iron or titanium material, comprising the steps of

joining the sheet blanks in a butt-joint,
applying a filler on the basis of aluminum in a region bridging the butt-joint on both surfaces of the sheet blanks and melting the filler to form a seam consisting of a welding joint with the aluminum material sheet blank and a soldering joint with the iron or titanium material sheet blank, the soldering joint having a width extending along the iron or titanium sheet blank which corresponds to at least three times the thickness of the iron or titanium sheet blank, and

cold forming the joined sheet blanks with deformation of the connecting seam.